

## West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee

The West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee met on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Pinehurst City Hall in Pinehurst. In attendance were 4 local residents plus DEQ staff. The meeting began with discussion of what the group wanted in the way of an ordinance. It was decided to keep the new ordinance draft simple and incorporate any existing county regulations. Ralph Paul will draft an ordinance and send to the group for review. The “No Idling” signs were discussed. Rene indicated that the Kellogg School District was interested in putting up some signs. Rene will work with the School District to get them posted. Also, a list will be started of other possible locations for the signs. Ralph reported to the group about his interaction with the Community Center Care Collaboration in August. He indicated that he gave an overview what the WSVCAC purpose is, and the activities that WSVCAC is working on.

The group continues The group continues to work on magnet messaging. The group was encouraged to keep working on developing informational brochure. Carol Young will add Denna Grangaard to the WSC Clean Air Facebook page as an administrator. Erin Law, USFS, MT/ID Airshed Group Coordinator spoke to the group about how the large federal and private land owners are working to keep smoke impacts out of sensitive areas.

### Agenda - Notes August 20<sup>th</sup>

1. Introductions In attendance for the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were Carol Young, Steve Aubuchan, Bob Launhardt, Rene Gilbert: DEQ staff Mark Boyle, Ralph Paul and Denna Grangaard.
2. Committee Business
  - **New Business – Ordinances** – The group review the various ordinances distributed as examples. It was decided that the proposed ordinance would be kept simple and keep new regulations to a minimum, however any ordinance would have to include enough detail to make it easy to understand. It was decided that current voluntary measures, practices, and any existing regulations such as; materials prohibited by state law, Idaho Fire Code prohibitions and extinguishment authority, Shoshone Fire District 2 Burning Regulations and allowable forms of open burning would be incorporated into the draft ordinance document. Ralph will put a draft together for the group to review prior to next meeting so a full discussion and decision regarding forwarding to County Commissioners can be made by the conclusion of our next meeting.
3. Action Items (10 min)
  - **No Idling signs** – Rene Gilbert indicated that the Kellogg School District was very interested in in the signs. She offered to work with the District in getting the signs up. Denna offered to start a list and pass it along to the group of other locations were the signs could be put up. The group was hoping to get signs up before school starts which

will mean a lot of work next week on this. Additional discussion included getting the no idle information into the school district's newsletter which will go out to all the district households. The group would need to develop a message and approach the school district.

- **Meetings – Community Center Care Collaboration** – Ralph informed the group about the meeting he attended at the Shoshone Medical Center with Community Center Care Collaboration. He reported that the meeting lasted for about an hour and was attended by various health care providers in the area. Ralph gave an overview of the WSVCAC activities and what it hopes to accomplish in the West Silver Valley. Ralph shared that he anticipated some who were in attendance at this meeting to attend our next Advisory meeting.
- **Messaging – magnet** – The group was encouraged to continue working on the magnet messaging.

#### 4. Topic Discussion (25 min)

- **Erin Law – USFS, Coordinator MT/ID Airshed Group** – Erin spoke to the group about how the larger federal, state and some private landowners are working together to minimize smoke impacts during prescribed and other forest practice burns. She explained how the system worked and the interface that takes place with the DEQ regional office(s) and the burners. She also stressed that keeping fire as a tool was important to the MT/ID Airshed Group. We briefly discussed that getting all the private landowners in the area, who are managing timber lands, to consider smoke management in their burn decisions was one of the goals of the ordinance
- **Outreach and education**
  - **Brochures/subgroup** – The group was asked to continue working to develop an informational brochure. Carol Young indicated that the informational brochures developed about the group were made available at the County Courthouse and seemed to be getting some interest from the public.

5. **Comments** – Rene informed the group of the upcoming Shoshone Medical Center Booster Club Kid's Fair.

6. **Next meeting** – September 17<sup>th</sup> 6 - 7 PM  
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